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### JANUARY

2...John Glen Mack of Rt. 3, Elba, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine over the holidays after members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the ABC Enforcement Division walked in on the subject apparently in the act of using the substance at an Opp night club.

9...A Georgia woman, originally charged with murder in the August 10 shooting death of her brother, pleaded guilty to manslaughter this week and was given a 5-year suspended sentence with 1 year unsupervised probation, along with a \$500 fine and an order to pay court costs. The woman, Brenda Faye Johnson, age 25, of Waynesville, Ga., was charged in connection with the shooting death of her brother while visiting relatives in Elba.

16...Johnny Glen Coleman, age 24, was shot and killed over the weekend following an argument at a local cafe. Elba police have charged the man's father, John Fraser Coleman, age 52, in connection with the fatal shooting. Coleman allegedly shot his son in the chest with a .38 caliber handgun.

23...Roger McCourry, National Spring Chicken Festival director, reports he is manning the telephone 14 hours a day with calls about the upcoming festival. Coffee County's tribute to the poultry farmers and processors will be held April 1-3.

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### FEBRUARY

6...The formal dedication of a portion of Highway 87 as "Elba Grantham Drive" will take place Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. at the newly-erected street sign located approximately 100 yards north of the intersection of Hwy. 87 and Alabama 203. Judge Eric Prewitt will be the main speaker for the event, which will honor former Sheriff Neil Grantham, who was killed in the line of duty.

13...The Elba City Council met on Monday evening and invited city attorney Mark Vaughan to do legal work on extending the city limits. Vaughan is to draw up paper work to be signed by 100 percent of the property owners within the area to be added within the city limits and is also to prepare a legislative act to accomplish the same purpose.

20...Mrs. Helen McCollough, Elba High School's "Teacher of the Year," has been selected as one of five finalists from the state of Alabama for the Teacher Hall of Fame at Jackson State University. McCollough has been in the teaching profession for almost 36 years and has taught at Elba High School for the past 30 years.

27...A rural Coffee County man faces a variety of sex-related charges this week after being arrested by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies Melvin Arnold, age 50, who lives near the Jack Community, is charged with two counts of producing obscene material involving a person under 17 years of age, and one count each of second-degree sodomy, second-degree rape and first-degree sexual abuse.

### MARCH

6...Circuit Judge Sam Adams has filed qualifying papers to seek a full term as a judge in the 12th Judicial Circuit, a position he was appointed to in January 1984. Adams, age 30, is the youngest circuit judge in the state and is the son of Dr. Ralph Adams, president of Troy State University.

30...A 36-year-old Elba man drowned in the weekend at a popular swimming hole in north Coffee County after rescuing a 16-year-old boy from a similar fate. According to authorities, Lester L.

Bundy was swimming with friends at Big Creek Saturday when a young man swimming at the hole swam into deep water and began to drown. Bundy was able to get the young man out of the deep water, but then went under and never resurfaced.

13...The Coffee County Commission met on Monday morning and accepted a low bid of \$78,585 for resurfacing County Road 82, near the intersection of County Road 203. The road was rated as the worst in the county after a recent inspection, and repairs were needed to meet state highway department standards.

22...A 30-year-old Elba man underwent emergency surgery in a Dothan hospital Sunday night after being stabbed in the chest during an apparent fight with his 75-year-old grandfather. The stabbing victim, a former Army veteran, apparently was stabbed by his son, William Prewitt, his home owner. Prewitt reportedly shoved his grandfather and a fight later broke out.

29...Law enforcement officials at the County Jail in Elba are believed to have prevented an escape attempt this week that had free all inmates. Sheriff Brice Paul reported that jail hands had discovered 10 hacksaw blades and a complete hacksaw in a cell block at the jail and also discovered 100 meters on a fire escape door and a window which had been sawed. Officials received a tip that the tools were in the cell.

30...Thirty law enforcement officers converged on homes and businesses in the Mulberry Heights area of Elba Saturday morning with search warrants and ended up with nine misdemeanor charges of illegal gambling.

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### MAY

6...The qualifying deadline for candidates to enter the June 3 Democratic primary was passed last week with only one entry race drawing more than one candidate. The lone political race will be for the County School Board, Place 2, where incumbent Preston Kelley Jr. will be opposed by Virgil Coleman.

17...A two-car accident between a VW bug and an older model jeep put both drivers in the hospital Saturday night. Wayne Nelson, driver of the jeep, and Holly Vaughan, driver of the Volkswagen, were both rushed to Elba General Hospital and the前者 was admitted to a hospital in Dothan. Vaughan underwent surgery Saturday night for internal injuries, broken legs, arm and foot, while Nelson underwent surgery Monday for hip injuries.

19...State Superintendent of Education Dr. W. M. Green announced the results of the state's recent student testing program and the results revealed that the students tested in the Elba City School System scored above the state average in most subjects. Students in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 were tested as part of the statewide program, and scores in grades 1, 2, 4 and 5 all ranked far above state levels.

26...The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday afternoon to discuss economic conditions and prospects. A prepared statement from Dorsey Morris stated that in recent months the economic situation at the Elba facility had improved and that this increase, combined with the competitive market, had resulted in the plant's operations becoming unprofitable. The statement also emphasized that each employee could play a decisive role in stabilizing jobs at the Elba plant.

31...A two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon took the life of a 6-year-old child and hospitalized five members of his family, turning their vacation trip to Florida into a nightmare. The wreck, at the intersection of Highways 125 and 167, apparently occurred when a mobile station wagon attempted to avoid a collision and hit a power pole that ripped the side of the car and caused fatal

injuries to the child. 10...Coffee County Commissioner Billy Paul Owens died suddenly Monday afternoon following a massive heart attack. He was 46 years old and was serving his first term on the commission. His death was the second in less than a month. Owens was being transported to an out-of-town hospital after complaining of chest pains, when struck with the fatal emergency.

15...President Ronald Reagan had said that he wanted to bring his tax program down home to the grassroots and that is exactly what he did when he came to the Wiregrass last week. Reagan spoke to about 250 others in the Dothan Civic Center for a "down home" Southern meal and patriotic entertainment before

reduction in the Elba plant work force with 165 employees laid off at the end of the year.

16...The voters of Elba decided

Tuesday that they didn't want the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages when they voted 575 to 508. The measure, with only 36 votes separating the yes and dry. A total of 508 voters cast "no" votes, while 575 voters voted "yes" to the legalized sale. It will be 705 days before the referendum will again appear on the ballot.

13...The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Nov. 10, at the courthouse in Enterprise and took on a new look as the commissioners, including former Damascus Crittenden joined the group after being sworn in by Probate Judge Marion Brunson. In taking the oath of office, Crittenden became the first black member of the county commission.

20...The Elba Water and Electric Board held its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 18 at city hall and expressed concern about the tremendous amount of water lost in both the city and rural water systems. It was revealed that in the month of October the city pumps pumped a total of 155,538,571 gallons, while only 81,002,200 gallons were actually used for usage by customers. The 47.9% percent loss resulted in a financial loss to the system.

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25...The Elba City Council met Thursday night and was faced with a rather bleak financial condition. The recently approved 1-cent sales tax was rejected by the Coffeyville Commission, and board members said, but that tax is not yet being collected and it will be at least three months before any funds are received.

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25...The Elba City Council met Monday night with all members present and the council was presented with a petition calling for a vote on the wet-dry issue in Elba. The list contained 485 names, and Elba Mayor Bob English stated the list must contain at least 25 percent of the qualified voters in Elba, or 1,000 signatures, and if the names were determined to be legal the election could be called for the November general election.

### OCTOBER

2...One of Elba's oldest and most historic downtown buildings will soon be only a memory as demolition crews continue to tear down the YMCA Building, a red-brick building at the corner of Main Street and Simmons Street.

10...The court ordered re-sentencing

of Billy Joe Mawood took place on Oct. 2 at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, and for the second time the victim's murderer, Sheriff Neil Grantham, was sentenced to death in the electric chair. Mawood, age 35, showed no signs of emotion as Circuit Judge Riley Green announced the sentence.

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30...The Elba City Council met Monday evening and the only bit of good news got buried in the debate over the recent bid for a contract to a private company to pick up the garbage and trash in Elba. The garbage problems centered around reports that Wasteaway representatives had been giving estimates that were 200 percent higher than the actual cost to commercial and industrial companies. Two were in some cases hundreds of times higher than that currently being charged by the city.

31...The Tom Maddox family is pictured on the front page as Elba's 1986 Christmas Family.



## Brainstorms

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Christmas decorations in some homes were pretty this year. Also we were impressed with the amount of care put into Brookdale one night last week. We received several telephone calls about the activities in the community and rode down to see for ourselves. We were very impressed at the scene and even more impressed at the community spirit and cooperation that had to be involved for it to work. These people truly had the Christmas spirit and we salute them.

Our daughter's car still has one of those "Run Auburn Run - 17-15" stickers on the back window. Well, after she got home for the holidays, some of her Auburn friends added one about the "Tide Was Denied." She thinks she knows which of her Auburn friends did this but is being a sport about the whole matter and leaving the sticker in place ... at least until she goes back to the University of Alabama. I suspect however that those accused Auburn fans had better keep an eye out behind them for a while, 'cause she ain't one to forget.

The continuous rain did stop finally and I am so happy. I am sure my complaining last week had nothing to do with it, but the fussing made me feel good anyway.

Sports and football players have been in the headlines recently. Especially since a number of college players have been banned from the post season bowls. We agree with the clampdown on drugs, including steroids . . . but medicine given by doctors for real problems must be considered as exempt or something. Then there is the weird part of the rules that have you thrown off the team with certain drugs but not if you have been smoking pot. The schools themselves set these rules, and I will not lose a lot of sleep over them, but feel for some of the young men who might not have been given full notice of the rule changing in the middle of the stream.

It gives us a funny feeling to read of accidents that hurt or kill people, and we know it could have been worse if what was different. The B-52s in West Germany is one of those cases. Injuries were severe . . . the people had no warning and there is no way they could have known something was going to happen to them. It scares us more than a little, 'cause we have been there and that area is among the prettiest landscapes in the whole world.

## Elba Man Injured In Coffee County Jail Following Arrest

An Elba man arrested for assault 3rd degree by Elba police officers, was transferred to a Dothan hospital early Christmas Day after suffering serious injuries while being held in the Coffee County Jail in Elba.

Dale Stinson, 24, was arrested by Elba police at 9:18 p.m. on Wednesday night, Dec. 24, at the home of his parents and taken to the county jail in local officers' vehicles. He showed up at Elba General Hospital at 11:02 p.m. and was later transferred to a Dothan hospital at 1:45 a.m. on Dec. 25 by rescue squad.

Officials of the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. declined comment on the incident Monday afternoon and referred the matter to Sheriff Bruce Paul, who was unavailable for comment.

According to family members, Stinson suffered severe injuries to the head while being housed at the jail, and upon his arrival at the Dothan hospital underwent surgery to remove skull fragments from the brain. Stinson was reported to be alert and able to speak to family members Monday night; however medical records did not planned further examinations.

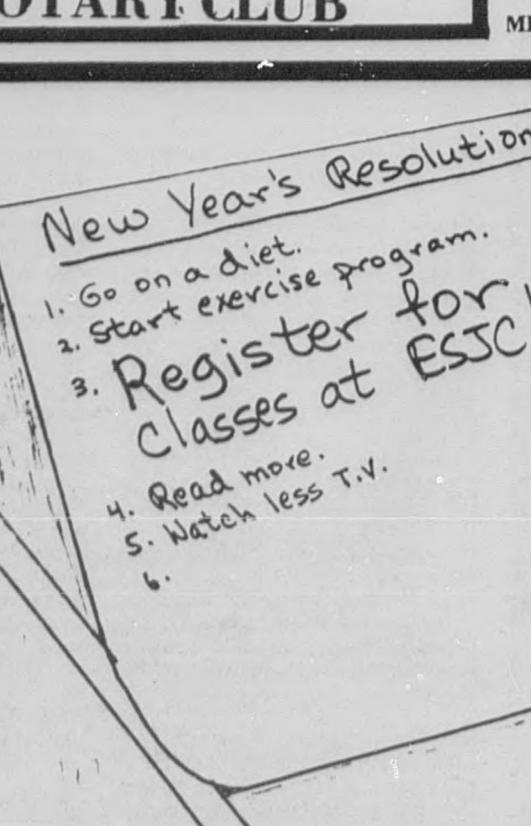
Sheriff's department officials did state the case was under investigation.

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## Commission Makes Donation

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The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Dec. 22, at the courthouse in Enterprise and handled only routine business in a brief meeting that was attended by Santa Claus.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the commission opened bids on a new chair and cash register for the Circuit Clerk's office, in Elba, which is undergoing extensive renovation.

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# Socials

## Miss Vaughan Weds Mr. Harrison At Elba Methodist



Mrs. Timothy Harrison



**Justin Allen Is  
Two Years Old**

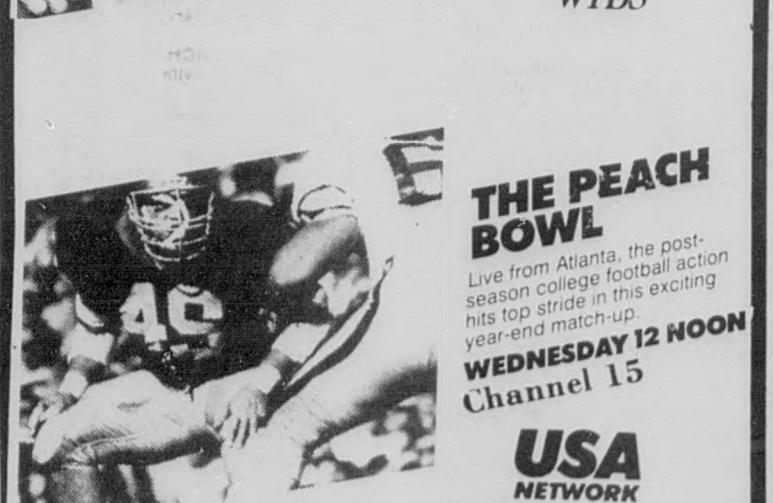
Justin Channing Allen, son of Gary and Jenny Allen of Elba, celebrated his second birthday on Monday, Dec. 29.

His grandparents are Mrs. Doris Hanner Elba; and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Allen Elba.

Great grandmother is Mrs. Effie Morris Elba.



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## Whitman - Rugg Vows Spoken December 6th

Peggy Lee Whitman and Steven Ted Rugg were married Dec. 6, 1986, at a 3 p.m. service at Westside Baptist Church in Elba, with Rev. Kenneth Chancellor of Albany, Ga., performing the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Ann Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rugg of the Jack Community.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. W.H. Whitman Sr. and the late Mr. W.H. Whitman Jr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Biggs Opp.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Armstrong of Spring Hill and Mrs. Annie Lou Rugg and the late Mr. Ideal Rugg of Jack.

The church was simply decorated with the standards of apidristal length, red candles behind the ribbons flanking each side of the communion table. The seasonal lighted Christmon tree enhanced the decorations.

A few Crawford, cousin of the bride, lighted the candles.

Mrs. Pam Baker, organist, and Mrs. Lois Holt, soloist, provided musical selections including "It's A Miracle," "Trumpet Voluntary," and "I Love You."

The bride was assisted down the aisle by her nieces, Bonnie and Katie Vaughan. Bonnie was holding her hand and her bouquet; Katie was holding her other hand and the ring pillow.

The bride wore a tea-length gown of hand-knotted white cotton batiste. The collar, and cuffs of the long full sleeves were of linen and a battemen lace. The gown had been designed by her mother and was redesigned for the bride.

She wore a headpiece of white carnations. Her bouquet was a nosegay of white carnations interspersed with seasonal red berries and tied with tiny red velvet ribbon.

Bonnie wore a white heirloom tea-length dress created by her mother.

Katie wore a white bishop dress, smocked in green and red, handsewn by Robert Cannon.

They wore red ribbons in their hair.

Upon arrival at the altar, Bonnie announced that "Mer and Granddaddy" were giving the bride away.

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The bride chose a Derby hat for her headpiece, with a silk flowerette and satin ribbon accenting the crown. Chantilly lace encircled the brim, with floor-length bridal illusion and satin sash.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white silk carnations and greenery centered with a white orchid.

The groom's table featured a chocolate fudge cake encrusted with pink flowers and four miniature swans. A silver candelabra also graced the table, and nuts and mint were served from silver compotes. The cake was covered with a white cloth decorated with pink ribbons from the table to the floor.

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# Sports

## Elba's Richard McKinnon & Troy Sanders Named All-State

The Birmingham News, Alabama's largest daily newspaper, released its All State football teams last week. On the list of honorees in the Class 3A team was Elba fullback Richard McKinnon.

McKinnon, a 5'11, 200-lb. senior, gained 1,757 yards on 276 carries this season to lead the Elba Tigers to the state championship game for the second consecutive year. He also caught 10 passes for 149 yards, giving the durable fullback a total of 1,906 yards in offense for the season. McKinnon scored 19 touchdowns in the season, which is his career gainings 4,168 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher.

The Class 3A All-State squad consisted of all seniors; however, Elba's Troy Sanders, a 246-lb. linemen, was included on the Honorable Mention list and was one of only a number of juniors to make the list. Sanders played both offense and defense for the Tigers of Coach Mack Wood and was the team's dominant force in the line.

Following is a complete list of the Class 3A All-State team:

OFFENSE
Pos., Player, School - Yrs. Ht. Wt
QB, Tommy Epperson, Oneonta Sr., 6-1, 170
RB, Richard McKinnon, Elba Sr., 5-11, 200
RB, Calvin Hutchins, Stevenson Sr., 5-11, 180
RB, Billy Stockdale, Oneonta Sr., 5-10, 205
R. Rodney White, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 185
R. Johnny Bothwell, Ashville, Sr., 6-1, 185
L, Bob Meeks, Evergreen Sr., 6-4, 265
L, Mike Allison, Weaver, Sr., 6-4, 245
L, Greg Russell, Lamar County, Sr., 6-0, 290
L, John Sullins, Sulligent Sr., 6-3, 220
L, Nathan Killen, T.M. Rogers, Sr., 6-2, 215
PK, Ty Brunson, St. Paul's, Sr., 6-0, 170
DEFENSE
Pos., Player, School - Yrs. Ht. Wt
DB, Brown, Oak Grove Sr., 6-0, 195
DB, Eldridge McDonald, Weaver, Sr., 6-2, 215
LB, Jai Eason, Crossville Sr., 6-1, 170
LB, Jerome Henry, Lamar County, Sr., 6-3, 200
LB, Darrell Goble, J.B. Pennington Sr., 6-1, 190
LB, Lance Brown, Moody, Sr., 5-10, 175



**Richard McKinnon**

The Alabama Sportswriters Association named its All State football team for this week and included on the Class 3A team was Troy Sanders, a 6'4", 234-lb. offensive tackle for the Elba Tigers. Sanders, the only junior selected to the All State squad, played on both offense and defense. Coach Mack Wood's Tigers had an offense saw action at both tackle and blocking-back in the Elba power I.

Sanders has already been heavily recruited by major colleges and is considered one of the state's top line prospects for 1987.

Elba running back Richard McKinnon, an All State selection by The Birmingham News, received Honorable Mention in the sportswriters poll.

Following is a complete list of the Class 3A All-State team:

CLASS 3A
Quarterback - Greg Cash, Phil Campbell, Sr., 6-1, 190
Running backs - Mike Davis, Elkmont, Sr., 5-10, 180; Calvin Hutchins, Stevenson, Sr., 5-11, 180; Billy Stockdale, Oneonta, Sr., 5-10, 210
Wide receivers - Paul Carlock, Lexington, Sr., 6-1, 180; Brad Castle, West Limestone, Sr., 6-1, 180
Linemen - Mike Allison, Weaver, Sr., 6-4, 245; Bob Meeks, Evergreen, Sr., 6-4, 265; Greg Russell, Lamar County, Sr., 6-2, 290; Nathan Killen, T.M. Rogers, Sr., 6-2, 215; Troy Sanders, Elba, Jr., 6-4, 235
Place kicker - Ty Brunson, St. Paul's, Sr., 6-0, 170

Defense

Bucks - Brad Gray, Briarwood Sr., 5-10, 165; Eldridge McDonald, West Limestone, Sr., 6-1, 170; Rodney White, East Limestone, Sr., 5-10, 190
Linebackers - Jai Eason, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 205; Jerome Henry, Lamar County, Sr., 6-3, 200; Barry Booker, East Limestone, Sr., 5-10, 190
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Linemen - Willie Kidd, Randolph County, Sr., 6-1, 190; Charlie Harris, Tanner, Sr., 6-2, 215; Lindsay Phillips, Lexington, Sr., 6-2, 190; Steve Miller, Southern Choctaw, Keith Leonard, South Lamar; James Walker, Lamar County
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Henry, Lamar County

HONORABLE MENTION

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## Brantley's Richie Powell Named 1A All-State

The Alabama Sportswriters Association announced its 1986 All State football teams in all six classes this week and included in the Class 1A squad was Brantley standout Richie Powell.

Powell, a 6'4, 260-lb. linemen, was a mainstay in the Brantley offensive attack all season and led the Bulldogs of Coach Paul Woolley into the playoffs in each of his four years.

Following is a recap of area All State honorees:

Class 5A - (Honorable Mention) Eric Wells, Ashton Wells and Lane Person, all of Andalusia.

Class 4A - (1st Team) Brent Simon, Geneva; (Honorable Mention)

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### Elba Tiger Basketball!!!!

**Views From The Pressbox**  
By, Ricky Mularz



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4 - Thompson  
5 - Sylacauga

CLASS 4A  
1 - Livingston  
2 - Keith  
3 - Leeds  
4 - Alexander  
5 - Cherokee County

CLASS 3A  
1 - Lafayette  
2 - East Limestone  
3 - Geraldine  
4 - Clayton  
5 - West Limestone  
6 - Pond  
7 - Wever  
8 - South Lamar  
9 - McIntosh  
10 - Vincent

CLASS 2A  
1 - Hazelton  
2 - Pleasant Home  
3 - D.A.R.  
4 - New Brockton  
5 - Hope  
6 - Warri  
7 - Winterboro  
8 - J.F. Shields  
9 - Clay County  
10 - White Plains

CLASS 1A  
1 - South Macon  
2 - Pleasant Home  
3 - Chambers County  
4 - Chilton County  
5 - Mars Hill  
6 - Alabama School for Deaf  
7 - Valley Head  
8 - Speake  
9 - J.U. Blacksher  
10 - Repton

Another Christmas has come and gone, but the holiday season is still in full swing and that means lots of fun for the kids, bowl games on TV for Dad and plenty of dirty dishes and cooking for Mom. Yep, the holidays are fun for all!

ELBA BASKETBALL TEAM TO ENTER NEW YEAR WITH MIXED EMOTIONS

The Elba Tiger basketball team got off to a slow start because of the football playoffs and struggled to a 1-4 record in pre-holiday action, including disappointing losses to Zion Chapel and Luverne. Coach Hank Kennedy's Tigers weren't expected to be a powerhouse this season after losing 9 of 10 players to graduation, but I'm sure Coach Kennedy never expected it to be this bad. Elba has a very young team loaded with sophomores and juniors and some seniors who have never even played before, making their season their first in two years. I think Elba will show improvement as the season goes along; however, I don't look for the Tigers to develop into a powerful 3A squad until all the players dedicate themselves to being the very best basketball players they can be and not just being good enough to start. The talent is there, but talent doesn't always win ballgames.

NEW BROCKTON IS HEAVY FAVORITE IN SEAC TOURNAMENT

The Southeast Alabama Conference Tournament will get underway next week at New Brockton and this year is like years past the Gamecocks will definitely make it to the title and probably win it. Coach Bobby Kinsel will need four straight wins to claim the title. The Gamecocks have won the last three tournaments and have won the last two seasons. Last year they lost to Luverne in the final game.

JANUARY HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT TO EXPAND

The Elba Athletic Club assumed sponsorship of the Coffee County Junior High basketball tournament two years ago and after two very successful years will expand this season to also include a tourney for the eighth-grade teams that will be played during the junior high event. The eighth-grade teams work hard every day in practice and deserve a chance to play in a tourney, so, this year they'll get their shot at being county champs and if all goes well the eighth grade event will also become an annual affair.

BOWL GAMES SEEM TO HAVE LOST THE LUSTER

I used to watch every bowl game that came on the tube and honestly enjoyed them all, but this year it seems like the bowl games don't offer the excitement of years past, at least to me. The Orange Bowl's matchup of Oklahoma and Arkansas looks like a mismatch, while the Sugar Bowl won't provide much interest locally with LSU going against Nebraska and the Rose Bowl is never worth watching anyway! I'll probably watch a couple of games, but you can bet I won't be glued to my set.

JOYOUS NEW YEAR

By: James Thornhill



**GOOSBY ON DEFENSE . . .** Grayson Junior College freshman Kevin Goosby (20) goes high to block a shot in a win against T.S.T.I. of Waco. Goosby is averaging over 21 points a game in the tough Texas league.

## Elba's Kevin Goosby Continuing Basketball Career At Grayson State Junior College

Former Elba High standout Kevin Goosby is trying to grab the headlines this season at Grayson Junior College in Denison, Texas, where he leads the Texas junior college power in both scoring and rebounding after the team's opening 12 games.

Goosby, an All-State selection in Alabama as a senior, is averaging 21 points a game and 8 rebounds in the Northern Texas Junior College Conference, which includes such junior college basketball powers as Midway, Dallas and Abilene Christian. His top ranked team with a 15-0 record.

"Kevin has matured a great deal since arriving at school," said Grayson coach Tim Williams, "and as he has gained confidence his play has improved almost night by night. He is already being recruited by many four-year schools and the scouts are in the stands every night to watch him play. Kevin definitely has a future in basketball if he continues to work hard and improve."

Grayson, which is starting five freshmen, is off to a slow start this season with a 5-7 record; however, the record is no indication of just how well the Elba native has played. Through the 12 games, Goosby has 110 of 248 shots (44%) and 39 of 53 free-throws (74%). He has hit 20 3-point shots and has recorded 23 assists and 18 steals. Goosby's high scoring games include 31-point performances and in the first conference game scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds from his small forward position.

"Kevin has excelled in the classroom as well as on the basketball court," said Coach Williams, "and he has been a model student in every way. He hasn't missed a class and has posted a 3.6 grade point average. He semestered in a 4.0 point scale, which was the highest of any freshman on the team. He is a leader on the court as well as off and his optimistic attitude has been a plus to all the players who

look to him for leadership. We are mighty proud to have a player and

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## Six Secrets Of A Happy Family

### FAMILY TALK

Glen Frazier  
Community Resource Specialist

In 1985, Dr. Nick Stinnett and Dr. John DeFrain, who are associated with the Dept. of Human Resources Development and the Family at the University of Nebraska, completed the Family Strengths Research Project. The purpose of the project was to study families who exhibited traits of strength. More than 3,000 families from all walks of life, all social status, race, religion, education, age and both one-parent and two-parent families were included in the study. The study concluded that healthy families do have problems, but they have the ability to pull together to surmount life's challenges when they arise.

The six major qualities contributing to strength and happiness are: Commitment - Members of strong families are devoted to protecting children's welfare and happiness. Their love, support, and loyalty for each other is sufficient but should also be good times. No one enjoys hours of bickering. Quality relationships do not develop in a few minutes together. Good families have families who have a sense of greater good or power in life. This belief gives them strength and purpose. This belief that life has meaning and purpose helps children to grow and flourish. Communication - Strong families spend lots of time in conversation with each other. They exchange ideas and information easily and are more successful in

dealing with problems when they arise. Good communication doesn't just happen - strong families make it happen. Quality quantity and quality time go hand-in-hand. Families spent together need to be sufficient but should also be good times. No one enjoys hours of bickering. Quality relationships do not develop in a few minutes together. Good families have families who have a sense of greater good or power in life. This belief gives them strength and purpose. This belief that life has meaning and purpose helps children to grow and flourish. Communication - Strong families spend lots of time in conversation with each other. They exchange ideas and information easily and are more successful in

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twenty years, we who knew him in Vietnam remember him. And I trust that he will always be remembered by his family members at this Christmas season.

I was platoon leader, Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, First Cavalry Division. I was with Joe Moore when he was killed instantly on December 28, 1966.

Joe was a father and family man of whom you could all be proud. He was a hard working platoon sergeant. He took care of his men and put them well ahead of his own. He was prepared for all for his professionalism and experience. His loss was felt personally by all in our company and battalion.

Now, twenty years have passed. I hope these years have been good to you. I hope that you have been able to provide your family with good health and good fortune, while being able to look back with great pride to Joe Moore's life and his great human qualities.

I now work in Europe, and live in

Vietnam, Austria, with my American wife.

We come home each Christmas to visit my mother who lives in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

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/s/ WILLIAM CRISP

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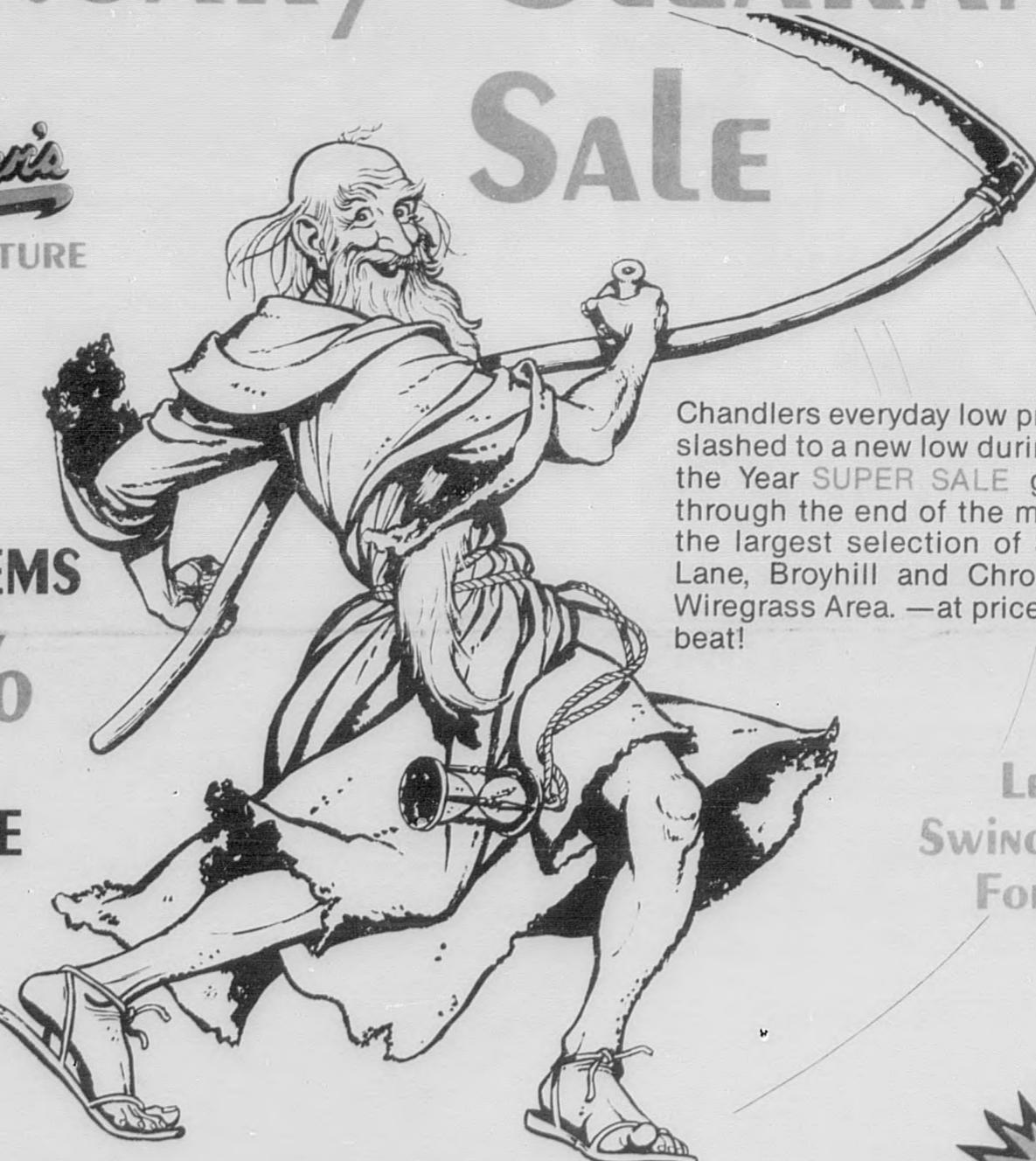
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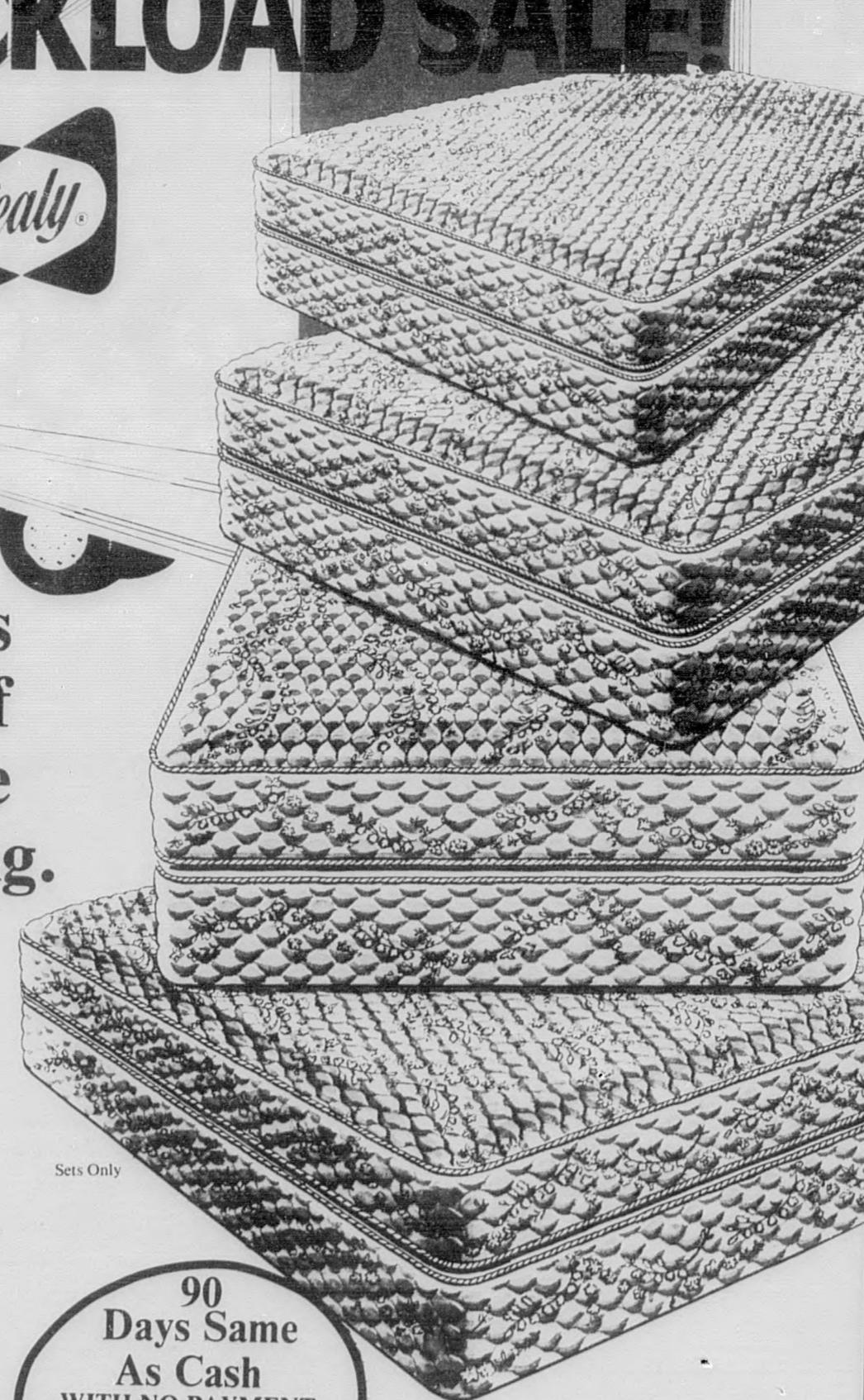
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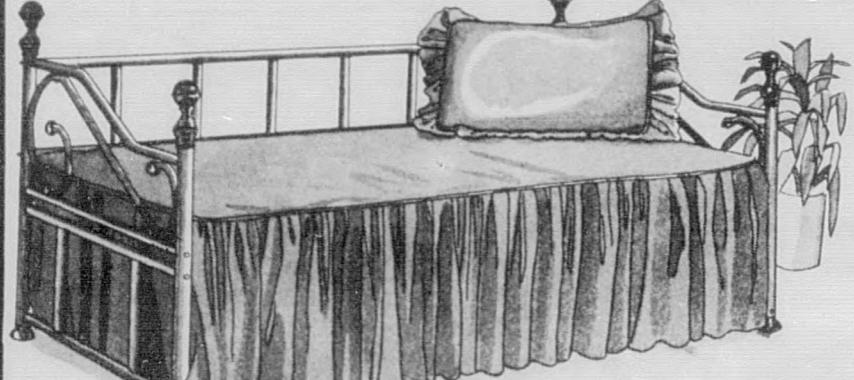
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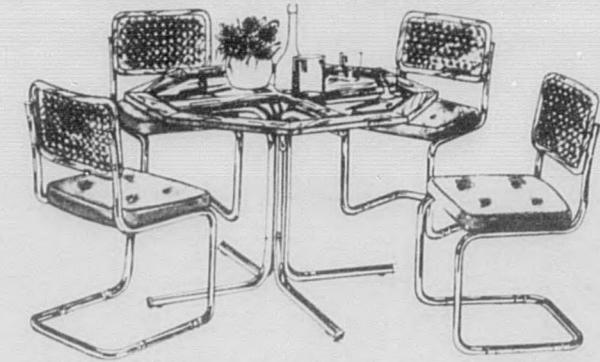
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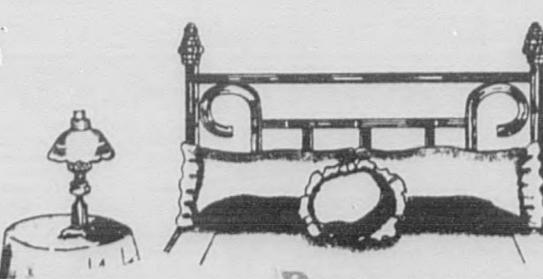
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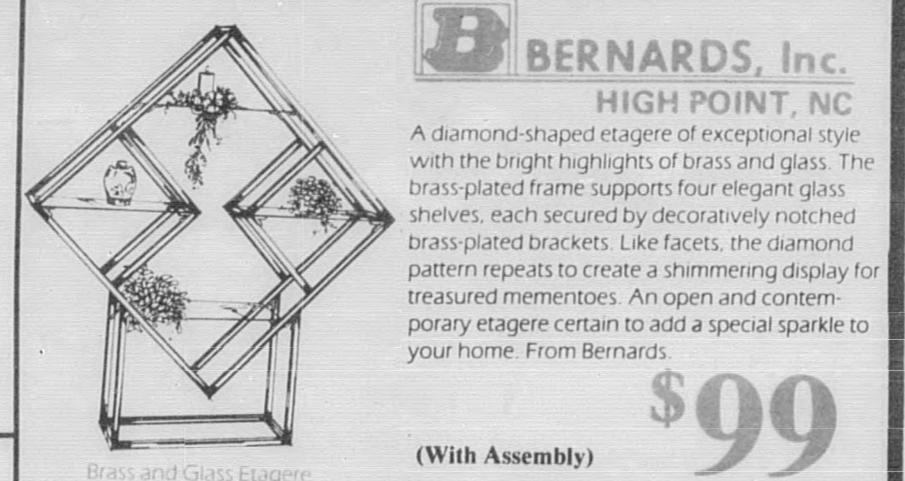


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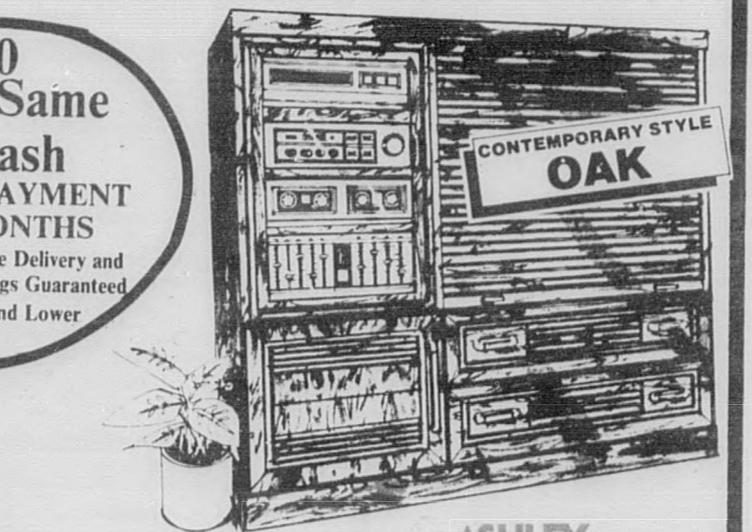


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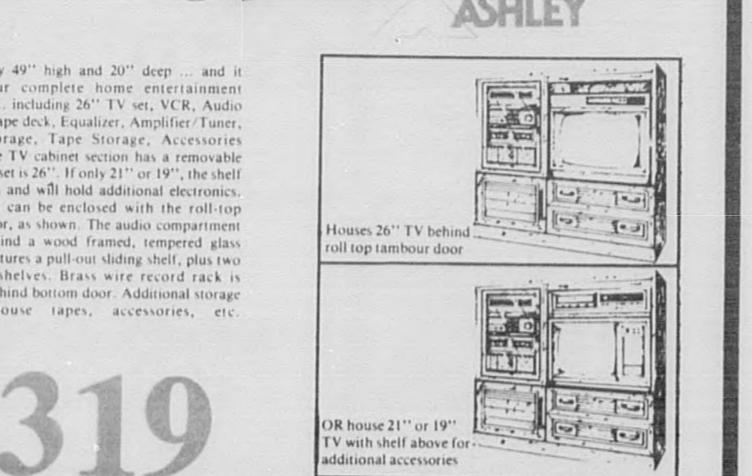
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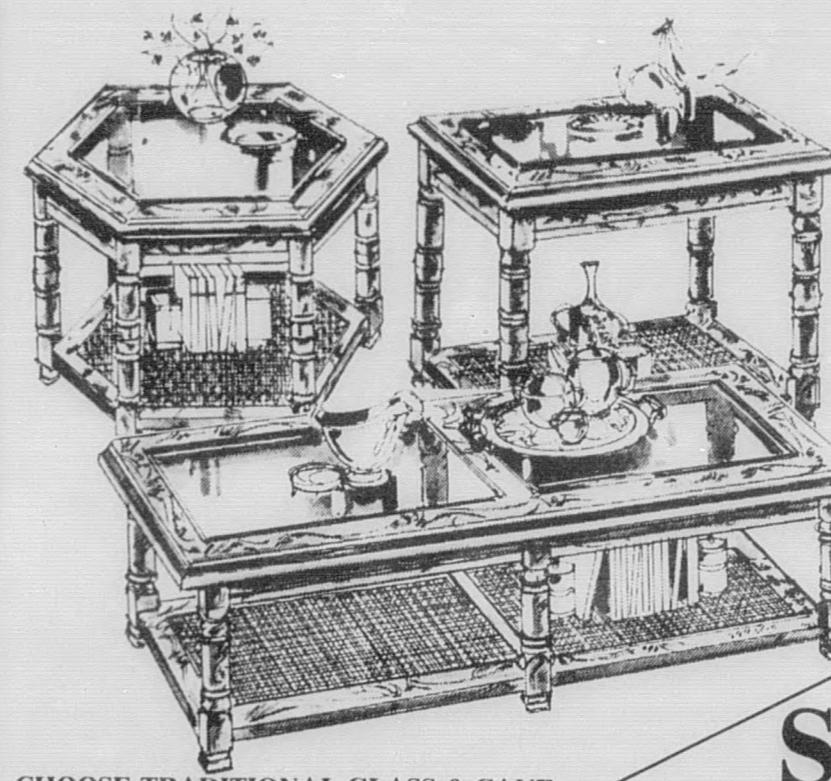
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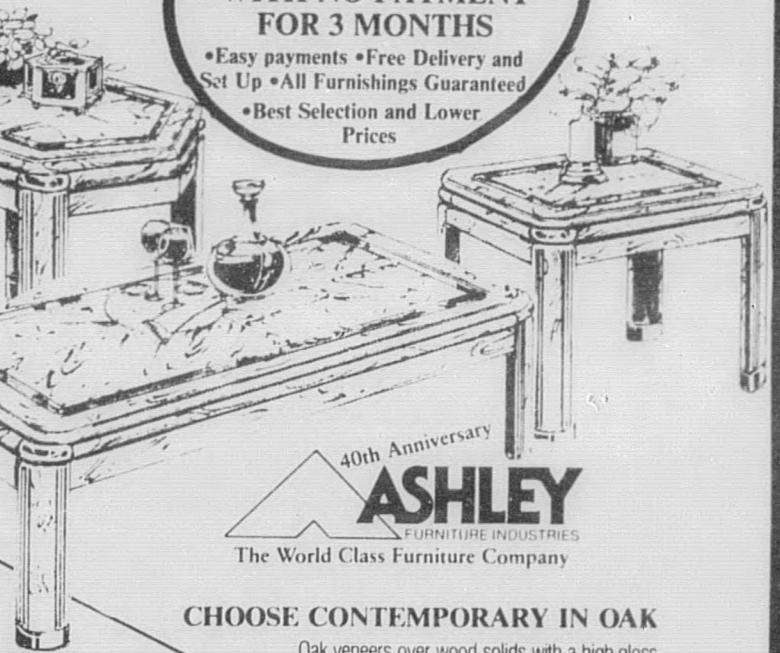
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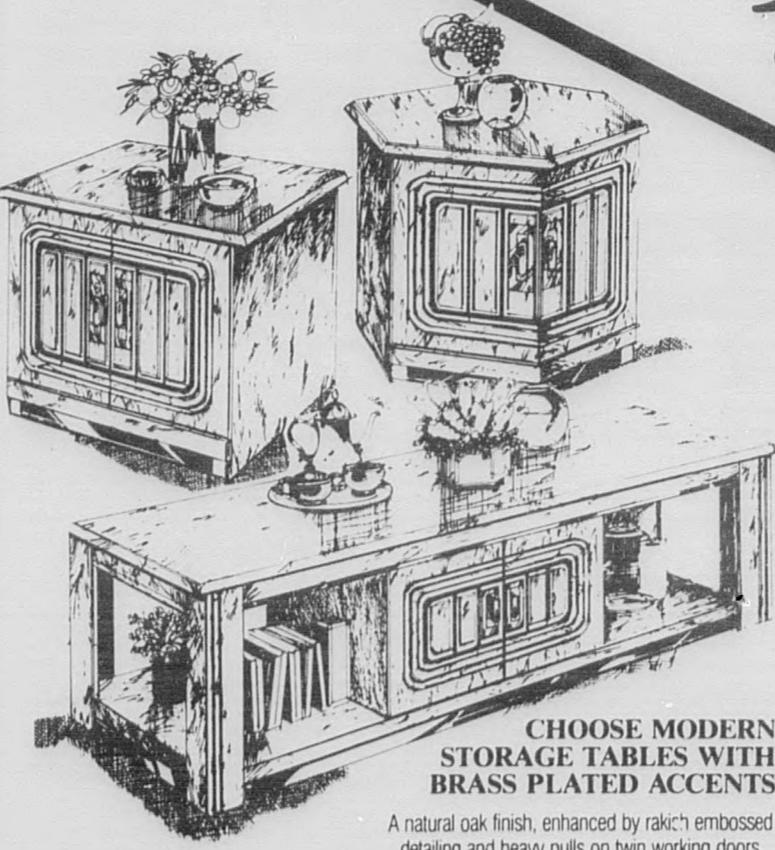
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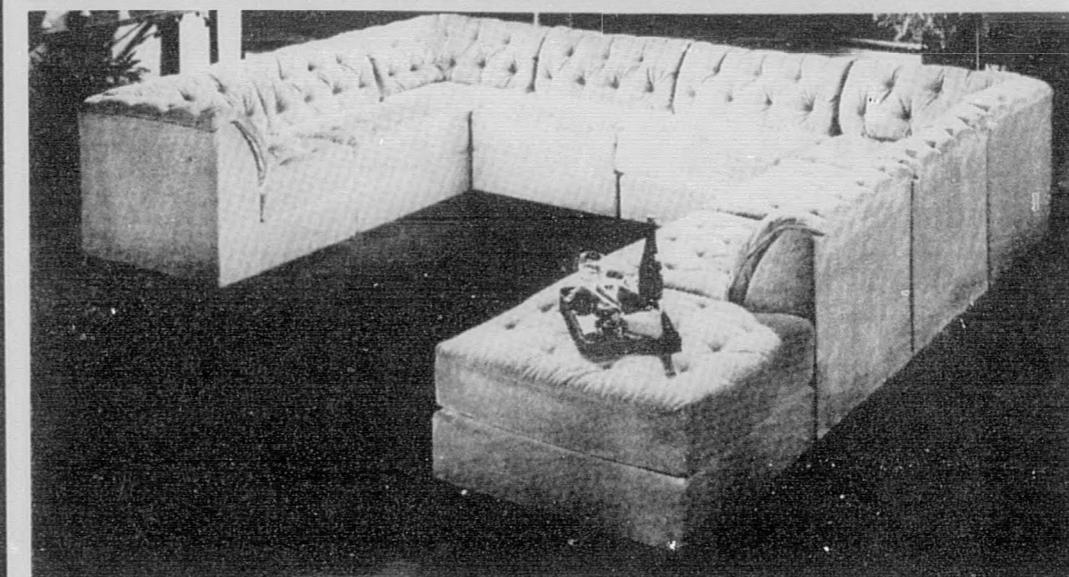
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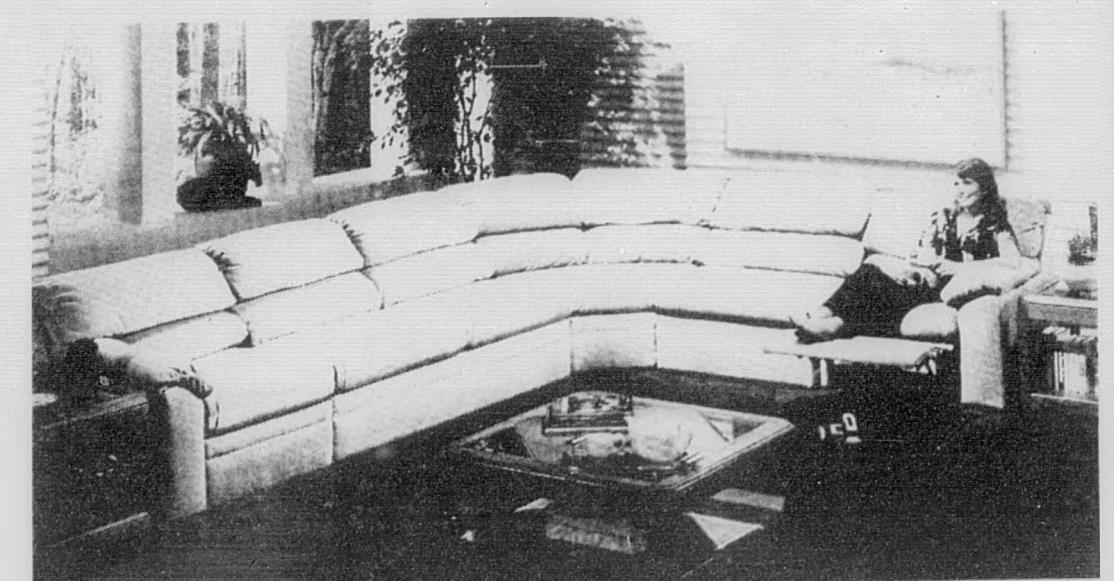
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MELVIN ARNOLD . . . is escorted from the Coffee County Courthouse by Deputy Sheriff Leslie Hussey following his initial arrest on sex charges in February, 1986. Arnold was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to three of five charges.

## Wet/Dry election challenge in Elba is dismissed

The efforts of a group of Elba residents to have the results of the city's recent wet/dry election declared null and void due to voting irregularities came to an end last week when Circuit Judge Sam Adams granted the city's request to dismiss the challenge.

A hearing was held on Dec. 22 after the city filed a motion to dismiss the election challenge and Judge Adams took the case under advisement. On Dec. 29 Adams announced he had reviewed the case at length and granted the city's motion for dismissal.

A wet/dry referendum election was held in Elba on Nov. 4 as a part of the state's general election and the voters chose to remain dry by a narrow margin. Following the election a number of Elba residents filed a challenge to the election claiming that misconduct.

Judge Adams ruled on Dec. 28 (see related article) in favor of the city's motion to have the challenge dismissed, stating the law failed to provide for challenges in any election not concerning the election.

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The sale of Dogue Trailers to a group of investors led lawyers to request a resolution from the city council formally abandoning portions of several streets and alleys that have long been unused. In fact, parts of the debris-filled streets are under existing storage facilities.

The streets included in the action are a portion of Dunham Street, Collins Avenue and an abandoned railroad bed which is now owned by Dogue Trailers.

The resolution was presented by Attorney Robert Cannon and the council tabled any action until the completion of the action could be checked with the League of Municipalities the following day.

Following this action the council met in special session Wednesday and formally approved the action. They checked the legality and the fact that none of the streets and alleys are used by the public in any way at this time. The action was approved unanimously.

In other action at the Monday

meeting the council approved hazard pay for police officers, discussed hunting in city limits, and abandoned cars parked on city streets.

Elba police officers will receive an additional \$2 a month as hazard pay as of January 1. An officer must work a full 120 hours a month to receive this pay, and it will be paid in a separate check at the end of the month, according to Mayor Bob Embrey.

Councilman John W. Sharpless opposed the motion saying he favored the pay increase but was opposed to calling it hazardous duty pay. English explained that unless it paid a hazardous duty pay it would be hard to recruit others to other employees why it was not an across-the-board raise for everyone.

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## Erosion problem provides threat to levee

Officials from the Corps of Engineers were in Elba on Tuesday, Jan. 6, to inspect a portion of the levee surrounding the city and following the inspection stated the problem of erosion at one flood gate had progressed to such a severe state that the levee itself was now threatened.

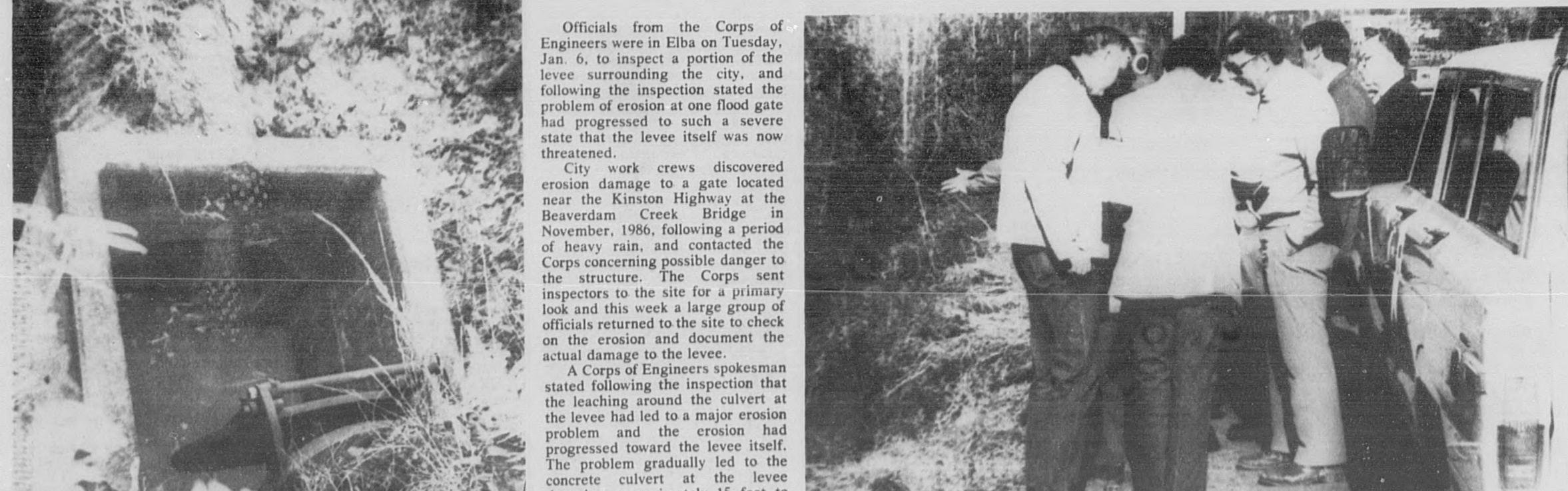
The work crews discovered erosion damage to a gate located near the Kinston Highway at the Beaverdam Creek Bridge in November, 1986, following a period of heavy rains, and contacted the Corps concerning possible damage to the structure. The Corps sent inspectors to the site for a primary look and this week a large group of officials returned to the site to check on the damage and document the actual damage to the levee.

A Corps of Engineers spokesman stated following the inspection that the leaching around the culvert at the levee had led to a major erosion problem. The problem had progressed toward the levee itself. The problem gradually led to the concrete culvert at the levee dropping approximately 15 feet to ground level and resulted in a concrete pipe breaking which caused the flapper valve which controlled the flow of water to become inoperative. The spokesman added that in the case of heavy rains high water would have free access to the area around the levee.

The city and the Corps of Engineers will repair the damage to the gate and the levee in a joint effort to insure the continued integrity of the structure.

Corps of Engineers officials stated the work on the levee would begin as soon as a project cost estimate and time schedule could be finalized and the project was approved by the regional office in Atlanta.

The city is expected to begin removal of trees and plant growth as soon as possible.



OFFICIALS DISCUSS LEVEE PROBLEM . . . Officials from the Corps of Engineers and City of Elba met atop the levee Tuesday morning to discuss severe structural damage caused by heavy rains in November. The Corps and city will combine manpower to correct the problem, which is expected to

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At an Oct. 7, 1986, hearing Arnold agreed to a plea bargaining arrangement and changed his plea

from not guilty to guilty to three of the charges. In response to the change of pleas, the state dropped the charges of second degree rape and first degree sodomy.

At the hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 6, Judge Green told Arnold that the remaining charges of second degree sodomy and two counts of producing obscene matter involving persons under the age of 17 carried sentences ranging from one-to-ten years to life in prison. Arnold told the judge he understood the possible sentences and reaffirmed his pleas of guilty.

District Attorney Joel Feder, in a sentencing statement, told Judge Green that the state would make no recommendation concerning the sentencing and stated the state would let the evidence submitted in court serve as its recommendation.

After defense attorney Bill Stokes declined pre-sentencing arguments, Judge Green stated, "It is not a pleasant task that I must do," and then announced that Arnold would receive a sentence of 15 years to 15 years of probation on the charge of second degree sodomy and a term of 15 years to 15 years of probation on the charge of producing obscene matter involving persons under the age of 17.

Stokes then requested the judge allow the sentences to run concurrently; however, the judge denied the motion.

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